

Hopkinton Conservation Commission  
April 21, 2015 Meeting  
Held at Town Hall - 7:15PM

**4/21/15 Minutes** – Approved 5/19/15

Present: Lee Wilder, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight, Erick Leadbeater, Cleve Kapala, Jed Merrow, Doug Giles and Bob LaPree.

Meeting was called to order at 7:18 by Chairperson Lee Wilder.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. HCC minutes of 02/17/15: approved as presented.
2. Jed Merrow and Lee Wilder have been appointed to new terms by the Selectboard.
3. Treasurer's report for February and March 2015: approved as presented.
4. Brockway Preserve:
  - NH Audubon advises they will be using the property May 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, and 20.
  - Reviewed the MOU with NH Audubon and authorized Lee Wilder to sign it.
  - The new trails guide wording is acceptable, and Rick Leadbeater will review it with Hilary Chapman and ask NH Audubon to discard the existing trail guides and reprint the guides with the new wording.
  - Reviewed and approved the new signs. Doug Giles will post two signs, one at the main entrance and the other at the entrance off Lower Straw Road.
5. Trails subcommittee met February 19.
  - Ron Klemarczyk reported that the committee is working on a 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary history walk to be held June 13 and suggested that the rest of the HCC members could participate and help with the hike. As part of the hike, interpretive signs will be posted on the Greenway and they will be left up during the anniversary year. Lee Wilder agreed to provide plywood backing for the signs. Ron Klemarczyk will work with high school volunteer, Bohman Ridinger to post the signs.
  - The town needs to know the dimensions of First Parsonage Road for emergency vehicle access. Ron will take measurements and advise the town office.
  - Complaints have been received that the trail at Hawthorne Forest had a lot of dog waste when the snow melted. The Trails Committee should discuss the issue of dog waste on the trails.
  - Two people, Andrew Spahr and Bethann McCarthy, have volunteered to help with trail work. Rob Knight and Cleve Kapala plan to discuss trail monitors and trail maintenance.
6. Town held conservation easements: Murphy/Rose, Janeway #1, and Moss: Lee Wilder and Rob Knight will monitor these properties. Discussed conservation easements, and agreed that in future the town should not take primary responsibility for easements and easement monitoring.
7. HCC Summer 2015 Conservation Camper: Rick Leadbeater reported that a camper has been selected by the school. HCC approved payment of \$495 to the conservation camp.
8. HCC and Hopkinton Conservation Lands web sites: Lee Wilder reported that the websites have been updated. Lee will ask Neil Cass to officially thank Kathy Barnes for her excellent work on the website. HCC members should check out the sites:

[http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov/Pages/HopkintonNH\\_BComm/conservation](http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov/Pages/HopkintonNH_BComm/conservation)  
<http://hopkintonconservationland.org>

9. Contoocook River Advisory Group: Rob Knight gave them Tom Walton's name as a possible monitor.
10. Other: Ron Klemarczyk reported receiving several logging permits. HCC received a copy of a wetlands permit for Turnberry Lane, and for the town to replace a culvert on Hatfield Road.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Hopkinton Master Plan: HCC members will get copies of the conservation section of the master plan, and it will be reviewed at the next meeting. Ron feels we have accomplished many of the goals of the old master plan.
2. Bohanan Farm timber sale: Ron reports that it was done per the forestry management plan.
3. Maple Street School conservation project: Barbara Jenkins's fourth grade class will help pickup fallen limbs, etc. at Kimball Cabins on 4/28 from 10 – 12 (rain date 4/30). Erick and Bob from the HCC will be there too.
4. 70' x 70' Lot at Kimball Lake: HCC discussed pros and cons of this lot.
5. NHACC Workshops: Lee presented a list of workshops and said that the HCC would pay the cost if anyone from the HCC wanted to attend a workshop and bring back the information for the HCC.
6. Open Space Committee conservation easement purchase: Ron Klemarczyk on behalf of the OSC asked for HCC feedback on a possible conservation easement purchase by the OSC. After discussion the HCC felt that since the Selectmen are not receptive to new land projects this year, it would be a hard sell to bring a conservation easement purchase to the town meeting and win approval.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Minutes submitted by Rob Knight, Secretary.

Next HCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 19 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Rob is the host.